

# CONNELLVILLE REGION CONDITIONS FEATURLESS; PRICES TREND UPWARD.

## The Coke Market Stronger

## SOME SALES BEING MADE

## Active Demand For Second-half Furnace Coke Shown, With Free Bidding On It

The Connellsville coke trade usually reflects iron trade conditions and the present time is no exception to the rule. Production continues large with prices low. Production has fallen off a little and there is some stocking of coke, but upon the whole the trade is featureless.

The joint conference of the representatives of the coal operators and coal miners of the central competitive field advised without coming to any agreement, but leaving the question open for local settlement. The miners will probably be given the advance they ask by many of the operators conditioned that the other demands be held in abeyance pending their peaceful solution. Many mills and other consumers have stocked up in apprehension of a suspension of mining and will be able to run for several weeks after production shall have ceased. The conditions indicate that the coal mining troubles will have no appreciable effect upon the coke trade and anticipations of this nature may as well be put aside for the present. The coke trade will apparently have to look to its legitimate market for support.

The central sales agency proposition remains in statu quo. This proposition is generally admitted to be a reasonably satisfactory solution of the problem of price cutting, but there is still a considerable amount of opposition on the part of operators about coming forward. The agreement is still in circulation and some signatures have been added but the work seems to be slow. The situation leaves encouragement to the coke brokers but it nevertheless still retains all the elements of ultimate success and there is no reason to expect a speedy settlement. Negotiations like these take time and it is known that the promoters of the selling agency have a powerful reserve force behind them ready to sign as soon as a certain number of other operators have been pledged. It will be some weeks yet before the selling agency proposition will be finally adopted or abandoned.

Both the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions are running well up to their capacity as far as a detailed operation is concerned but there is a tone of dullness and uncertainty in evidence at the plants. No appreciable change is noted in the number of cars worked or even active and idle from week to week but there has been a slow decline in the past month or six weeks. The active cars have dropped a little each week and shipments have been fluctuating.

At a number of plants in the Connellsville region coke is being stored usually in small quantities. There has been no cry of a coke shortage so the inference is that the coke stocked was produced in excess of the market demand. The trend now in the market of spot delivery orders of small tonnage is to a degree responsible to this. Plants operating on such orders have no assurance at all to rely on and will be in doubt as to the method of their day to day or week to week orders.

Coke is reported plentiful in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The Pittsburgh and Ohio railroads received this spring several thousand new cars available to the coke trade and they have recently been put in service. However, supplementary orders have within the past week been placed by the same railroads for delivery next fall in anticipation of a heavy coke tonnage at that time.

There was a marked decrease in both the number of ovens in blast and the production of coke last week than has occurred for several weeks past. In the Connellsville region the decrease of ovens amounted to 221 with a falling off of 10,000 tons in production. The Lower Connellsville region showed this phase still more there being a decrease of 100 ovens and 3,000 tons of coke made than the previous week. This made a falling off in both regions of 450 ovens and 13,000 tons of coke.

Shipments increased over the previous week by 11,000 tons and some of this was the result of stock coke from the yards. Cars east over the Pennsylvania railroad increased 12% over the previous week while Washington Run shipment west increased 50 and 100 cars over the previous week. The B & O shipments east decreased 10 cars and Pittsburgh and Western shipments decreased 27

cars leaving a net gain of 145 cars in total shipments.

The LaBelle ovens of the LaBelle Coke Company were blown out this week on account of a furnace at the mill, which they were supplying. Two hundred ovens are closed down.

From the LaBelle plant of the Atlas Coke Company at Helen come reports that conditions about there are very dry and that run has been needed badly during the week.

At Youngwood the coal and coke shipments are being maintained quite well about the usual amount of coal is coming out of the Youngwood. There is talk of building a big coaling station at Youngwood for the locomotives of the Southwest branch of the P. E. R. to be loaded with Yukon coal but work has not been started on the coaling station.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Industrial World indulges in an interesting retrospect.

The Industrial World, formerly the American Manufacturer in retrospect harks back in its Tuesday's issue to the issue of March 28, 1890, an even 20 years ago in which the editorial comments indicate that the McKinley bill on the meta schedules must have been a great success. The editor pokes some fun at the New York Nation regarding its pleas for a low tariff particularly for the interesting argument which the Nation had put forth that a low tariff in this country would have led to such a rapid development of the product of iron in Great Britain as to have led many years ago to the exhaustion of the fine ores and the closing of the blast furnaces which is now creating such a crisis on that side of the water.

Evidently the editor of the Nation was not well informed either as to the iron industry or to the general disposition of the British. A hint of the trouble for 20 years later in the British industry has not yet exhausted its fine ores or its coaling coal.

The following prices ruled 20 years ago: Connellsville furnace coke \$2.17, Bessemer ore \$6, non-Bessemer \$4.50, No. 1 foundry pig, lake ore \$18.50, Bessemer pig iron \$19.50, built \$20, iron bars \$1.95, iron plates, \$2.25, iron beams \$3.10, steel plates \$3.50.

## SCHOOL OF MINES

At State College is Now in its Seventeenth Year.

The school of mines and metallurgy of the Pennsylvania State College is now in its seventeenth year of its existence having been established in 1893. It was reorganized in 1905 when two new and distinct courses were offered leading to the degrees of B. S. in mining engineering and metallurgical engineering.

First of all instruction is now being given in mining metallurgy, geology and mineralogy. Coal mining, coke making and the metallurgy of iron and steel are given particular emphasis. Specialized with regard to the methods employed in the mines and metallurgical plants of Pennsylvania. The object is to train men in mining and metallurgy and so equip them that they may render the most efficient service in the shortest possible time after entering employment.

## DEVELOPMENT IN KENTUCKY

Report of Opening of Big Coal Tract the Coming Year.

There is a report that development is to commence on Beaver Creek in Kentucky within the year. Large tracts have been acquired in the past few years with a view of developing and it is possible that the coal may be opened up in the near future. The coal is mostly located in the mountains of the region and is of good quality. It will be a valuable asset to the region and its development will be a great benefit to the people of the region.

## NEW FREIGHT ENGINES

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Orders 120 Locomotives.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad in order to provide adequate shipping facilities for all its lines has contracted for 120 freight locomotives involving an expenditure of over \$2,000,000. The contract was awarded to the American Locomotive works of New York. It is expected that a major part of the locomotives will be delivered in the fall of 1910 and the rest of the B & O extending into the coal regions of West Virginia.

## Conference Deferred

The conference between miners and operators of the Kanawha district in Va. has been deferred at Charleston until April 5.

## TO INCREASE COKE TRADE

Fairmont District Will Give Greater Attention to its Manufacture

## ARE BUILDING A BIG WASHER

Consolidation Coal Company Will Leach Their Coal of All Foreign Matters and Attempt to Compete With the Connellsville Product

Special to The Weekly Courier.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 30.—More attention will be paid to the manufacture of coke in the Fairmont region from this time on than has ever been given this part of the coal industry here. For years the Connellsville field has had an almost exclusive trade in the manufacture and sale of coke and many people were led to believe that other coal fields would not make good coke. The Connellsville people manufactured most of their coal into coke and by so doing were able to make a greater profit from their product. Last year the coke product of the Connellsville field reached enormous proportions and during the year eighteen million tons of coke was manufactured and sold there alone. The coke sells at a high figure and the operators get the advantage of their increased profits.

The Consolidation Coal Company is getting ready to manufacture coke in greater quantities and of a better quality. The company has installed an immense washer that will leach the coal of all the foreign matter that lowers the value of the coal. With the sulphur eliminated the local coal field can manufacture coke that is absolutely pure and can be used for the manufacture of the finest steel made.

The coal washer erected at Monaca for the Consolidation Coal Company is expected to be in operation this week. This is a new departure in the coal business in this region. The washer is erected to wash the slack coal from the various mines in the region for the purpose of making coke. The Fairmont field has never entered into the coke market from the fact that it has always used the inferior grades of coal for making coke and therefore has no met the competition in regard to quality with the Connellsville field where they use exclusively the run of mine coal. The experience in the market has shown that the Fairmont region can make as good coke as Connellsville if sufficient attention is paid to the quality which the washing of the slack coal will accomplish.

This washer was erected at a cost of about \$100,000 and has a capacity of one thousand tons of slack coal per day.

## Increase Wages

The Board of Coal Mining Companies will increase the wages of its miners on an average of 74 percent, taking effect tomorrow. Eleven thousand miners will be affected. 6,000 of them in the Windor field. The miners are not organized and the increase was entirely voluntary. Much interest is felt in the No. 2 district convention at DuBois today as it is feared a disagreement will ensue and strike ensue.

## New Steel Passenger Cars

The Pennsylvania railroad is reported in the market for 80 steel passenger cars for this years delivery.

## THE STATISTICS SUMMARIZED

| PRODUCTION                                  |        |    |     |         |
|---|--------|----|-----|---------|
| For the week ending Saturday March 27, 1910 |        |    |     |         |
| District                                    | Ovens  | In | Out | Tons    |
| W. Va.                                      | 4,770  | 7  | 1   | 28,111  |
| L. Conn.                                    | 14,771 | 1  | 1   | 100,5   |
| Total                                       | 19,541 | 8  | 2   | 128,666 |

| CONSUMPTION                                 |                 |          |        |        |
|---|-----------------|----------|--------|--------|
| For the week ending Saturday March 27, 1910 |                 |          |        |        |
| District                                    | Manufactured by | Consumed | Market | Tons   |
| W. Va.                                      | 7,011           | 4,280    | 2,731  | 14,022 |
| L. Conn.                                    | 1,214           | 111      | 1,103  | 5,115  |
| Total                                       | 8,225           | 4,391    | 3,834  | 19,137 |

## SHIPMENTS

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For complete table of ovens in blast in both regions see pages 2 and 3.

## NO AGREEMENT.

Cincinnati Joint Conference Adjourns Without Settlement.

Abandoning the proposition Tuesday in Cincinnati O. that no wage agreement shall be signed with any one State unless all are agreed and during that wage agreement may be signed by States or districts or groups of districts the joint conference of miners and operators began a campaign which may involve many districts of the bituminous coal fields in a long struggle. The action of the miners was taken after a complete failure of the joint conference to reach a satisfactory agreement as to wages and conditions to rule for the coming two years in the three States involved in the conference.

At the conclusion of the conference in Cincinnati matters were left in this shape. Indiana state operators have accepted practically as a unit the compromise agreement of twenty Ohio operators in a large majority of instances have indicated a similar position. Illinois operators were not present and it ends with the operators and miners of that State to reach a settlement. Western Pennsylvania operators are willing to pay the same advance as the other States but refuse to pay the additional cost of about a cent a ton making 10 cents in all that would be necessary. If the power question is interpreted in the settlement. This is what the district miners leaders of Pittsburgh insist upon.

Central Pennsylvania is expected to reach an agreement without much trouble. The two districts that are more vitally affected and which look to be some centers are Western Pennsylvania and Illinois. But as an offer in this is a solution of the miners' convention which permits any district to continue to work if they agree to the cents a ton advance and have local disputes to be adjusted later by conference with the international executive board as the first authority. Pittsburgh operators seem last night say that this might make it possible to continue operations here but would not predict that such conditions would be accepted by them.

## Tells of Cherry Disaster

T. W. Putnam, former chief of the West Virginia mine inspectors, recently located at Fairmont before a large body of miners telling of the Cherry mine disaster a talk that proved interesting and instructive to the miners.

## LIMESTONE BEDS A TRADE FACTOR

They Contribute Largely to Lawrence County's Wide Industrial Fame

## QUARRY THREE MILLION TONS

Every Year From Beds That Are Seemingly Inexhaustible—Two Immense Veins Underlie Nearly the Entire County—Quarried With Steam Shovels

By Margaret Snyder.

NEW CASTLE, March 30.—Lawrence county of which this city is the county seat is famous in an industrial sense as one of the greatest factors contributing to its fame lies in the immense beds of limestone throughout the county from which it quarries nearly three million tons of limestone per year.

There are two veins in the upper one of them having an average thickness of 25 feet while the lower one called the Mercer will average five feet in thickness. The distance between these two veins is about 1.5 feet so one can readily see the only quarries are in the upper stone. It does not require an expert to distinguish one species of stone from the other as each has its own peculiar characteristics.

The quarry of Lawrence county limestone which has been a great factor in the development of the county since the early days of settlement is now being quarried in a more systematic way. The quarry is located in the upper part of the bed and is quarried and broken into pieces and then used for building material and for the manufacture of cement. The quarry is also used for the manufacture of agricultural purposes of limestone. The farmers of the county are not awakening to the fact that limestone is a fertilizer. The limestone vein (to) contains a union which may be found in the limestone which is a great factor in the development of the county since the early days of settlement.

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## EXAMINATION EXTENDED

West Virginia Mines Crippled by Amalgam Miners.

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## FOR NEW LINE

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## TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

On Railroads Predicted by J. J. Hill Next Winter.

CHICAGO, March 30.—James J. Hill believes the railroads will experience next fall and winter the greatest traffic congestion in their history and he sees no way of preventing it. He passed through Chicago yesterday on his way from St. Paul to New York.

The tonnage which is being expected for the railroads for next winter is a record. The tonnage which is being expected for the railroads for next winter is a record. The tonnage which is being expected for the railroads for next winter is a record.

Steel Corporation Preparing for Large Volume of Business.

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## EXPECT BIG YEAR

Navigation on the Great Lakes Will Open Within the Next Few Weeks, and the Corporation Will Bring Down More Ore Than in Any Previous Season in its History.

This means a large increase in earnings from transportation companies.

## A GOOD IMPROVEMENT

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## NEW FAN INSTALLED

For the Valley Mines Near Scottsdale New Engine House.

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## Will Develop 700 Acres

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## Mine Examinations Commence

The examination for mine foremen and fire bosses begins next week at the place April 5.

## The Coal Mining Troubles

## SHOULD HAVE SMALL EFFECT

On Coke Trade, Which Will Look to Its Legitimate Market For Support

## Special to The Weekly Courier

Pittsburgh, March 30.—The Connellsville coke market is not so much more active. Two second-half contracts have been made with furnace interests involving a total of about 17,000 tons. About \$2.25 a ton of ovens and there are few sellers at this figure for the delivery asking prices being generally \$2.15 or higher. There is an active demand for second half furnace coke with several consumers bidding freely at above \$2 and prospects for more business will be seen in the near future. The sales last reported were a good half coke appears to have been sold aside from that taken for the entire year some time ago and coke on term contracts. These remain considerable, uncovered consumption for second half.

The spot market also shows an improvement as indicated by the fact that 1,000 tons of prompt coke has just been sold at an even \$2. There is some coke of good grade to be had at \$1.90 at the moment. Our quotation of last week of \$1.90 for prompt furnace coke is well below and we repeat it as representing price at Connellsville. Second-half coke which could be quoted only nominally last week 11 years ago this week to be quoted at \$2.25 to \$2.30.

Prompt coke remains extremely dull and a quotation nominally at \$2.25 to \$2.30 for prompt or contract. There are various influences of a turn for the better in price not to be regarded as regular prices but rather as a sign of improvement. There has been no change in the price of Bessemer pig iron offered at \$1.10 a ton which is lower than formerly quoted but on the other hand has a strong tendency to rise at \$1.10 a ton and from this time seems well settled at the same price.

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## Woman Nearing Century Mark Dies On Farm on Which She Was Born

UNIONTOWN, March 30.—Both the Common Pleas and Orphans' courts were in session this morning. Before Judge Van Dearing in three cases were non-suited and another settled. A case was taken up, that of John M. Jarrett against the Southern Con-

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proved that much enthusiasm is re-  
by the people over the proposition.  
A committee was appointed to draft  
a constitution and bylaws and an  
other meeting will be held on Wed-  
nesday evening when a permanent or-  
ganization will be made.

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**THIRD ANNUAL  
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**The Yough Medico Club  
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pointed Social Event**

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The music of the evening was by the Kiefer orchestra, and the 26 banqueters sat down to a perfectly appointed banquet at 9 o'clock. One long table was used and the decorations of the dining room were in tulips of the club colors. Each of the women guests found at their place a souvenir spoon suitably engraved in commemoration of the occasion. After the table was cleared away the younger men

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